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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 19, 20, 22 and 24 is respectfully acknowledged.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 19 and intervening claim 18.

Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 22 and intervening claim 21.

Claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 8.

Claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Claim 23 has been amended to depend from claim 8.

And claim 24 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form, to include all of the limitations of its parent claim 8 and intervening claim 21.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered, and it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 8 and 24 and all of the claims respectively depending therefrom are now in condition for immediate allowance.

With respect to claims 3, 4, 6, 12-15 and 17, it is noted that these claims have been withdrawn from consideration. However, each of these withdrawn claims now depends from an allowable elected claim. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the withdrawn claims also be considered on the merits and allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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